

Fisheries Biotechnician Training Program

Abstract: The Fisheries Biotechnician Training Program was developed to address a need for qualified applicants to fill existing field positions on fisheries research and monitoring projects, particularly in the Bristol Bay region. FIS funding was used to develop and support a comprehensive fields- based training program for Bristol Bay area residents to provide the skill and certifications necessary to be work ready, for government and private agency fisheries technician jobs. The training program combined classroom-style instruction with hands –on field experience and target young adults aged 18 years and older. Participants lived in model field camp located on Six-Mile Lake near Nondalton and attended classroom and lab sections taught by federal and state fishery biologists and other agency professionals. Students successfully completing the three- week program received three university credits for the University of Alaska Fairbanks, a stipend and a certificate of completion from the National Park Service.

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